THE

COMMUNION OFFICE,

WITH

PRAYERS

Which may be uſed occaſionally before and at the Time of

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT.

To which is prefixed

An ADDRESS to the NEGLECTERS of it,

With

A Short EXPLANATION of its Inſtitution.

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ADDRESS

TO THE

NEGLECTERS

OF THE

SACRAMENT.

THE neglect of receiving the Holy Sacrament has long been complained of and felt by serious persons of every profession and situation in life: and I much fear that this evil is become more notorious in these days, both among the higher and lower ranks of people. To the last I particularly address myself; them I wish particularly to influence; to induce them readily and cheerfully to go to this Sacrament, and

thereby to do that which is a very necessary part of their religion, and from doing which they probably will become better, and be happier for it both here and hereafter.

Carelessness and indolence are the causes for which some stay away from the Sacrament. To those thus influenced I shall only say, that, if they will allow themselves to think about it, they will immediately find that they have not any excuses to plead. But there are others who say, that they are afraid to receive, because they read, that he, that receiveth unworthily, eateth and drinketh his own damnation. To them I reply, that he that receiveth the Sacrament unworthily is guilty of a sin, but of a sin which may be repented of; that the words *eating and drinking his own damnation* (or condemnation, as it may be called) have a more immediate reference to the abuse of the institution at the time St.

Paul

Paul wrote to the Corinthians on the subject. These words, therefore, should not terrify persons from coming, but should induce them to repent of their sins, and to resolve to lead a better life in future; and, so resolving, to receive the Sacrament, which may enable them to persevere in these good resolutions: and I would wish them to consider, that he, who is not fit to receive the Sacrament, that is, who leads a wicked life, should not expect to have his prayers heard; and, if not, cannot reasonably hope, should he die without repentance, to be saved hereafter.

A short Explanation of the Sacrament, and the necessary Preparation for receiving it.

OUR blessed Saviour, just before his death, commanded us to receive with thankfulness the Holy Sacrament, or bread and wine, in remembrance of

his body being crucified, and his blood shed for us, and that thereby we might obtain assistance towards leading better lives in future.

The preparation required is no more than this; to examine ourselves whether we repent us truly of our former sins, confessing them in our prayers to God, with a sincere resolution to forsake them, and to lead a good life for the future; to say the Lord's prayer at least, every morning and evening, that God Almighty may bless us, and take care of us; to be just and honest in all our dealings, and have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, trusting in his merits and sufferings for the pardon of our sins, and for acceptance with God, who has promised in the Holy Bible, that he will save all those who believe in his Son Jesus Christ. We should also be in charity with all men, endeavouring to assist them as much as

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lies in our power; not to be quarrelsome or revengeful, but to forgive those who have done us any wrong, and to strive to live in peace and good-will with all our neighbours.

Seeing now that all this is so easy to be done, (and more than this our good and merciful God does not require to be done) it is much to be wondered, why people should stay from the Holy Sacrament. If any of us had a friend, who on his death-bed desired us to do any thing, we should most certainly not fail to do that thing which he desired: now our blessed Saviour loves us better than any friend can do, and the night before he died (his death being only for our sakes) he bade us do this in remembrance of him: therefore the neglect of it makes us ungrateful to our best friend, and hinders us of one great help to a good life.

Prayers, which may be used occasionally with any other Prayers, or in the room of them, in the week preceding the receiving the Sacrament, when there is time and opportunity.

For Monday Morning and Evening.

O God of mercy, and Father of all comfort, graciously regard thy humble servant, who now offers up *his* prayers unto thee: pardon *his* too frequent coldness and inattention in them, and prosper *his* determined resolutions and endeavours of serving thee better henceforth in every action of *his* life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Tuesday Morning and Evening.

O God, our strong tower of defence against the assault of every enemy, bountifully pour down thy grace upon me: enable me thereby to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the

the devil, and by continuing thy faithful servant to the end of my days, to enjoy the unspeakable comfort of an upright conscience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Wednesday Morning and Evening.

ALmighty and all-gracious Father, look down with an eye of mercy upon the many failings and imperfections of thy sinful servant: in prosperity remind *him* of his dependence upon thee for every favour; in adversity teach *him* patiently to submit; and to acknowledge thy goodness through every pain and every calamity: and in every situation of life enable *him* steadily to discharge his duty, and bless *him* with a firm reliance on the merits of *his* Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Thursday Morning and Evening.

GUIDE and direct my steps, O my God, in the peaceful path of a righteous life; let thy mercies and thy blessings be deeply imprinted on my mind, and enable me in meekness and humility to look forward to the joyful expectation of everlasting happiness in a future world. Grant this, O merciful Father, for the sake of thy dear Son, our Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

For Friday Morning and Evening.

BLESSED be thou, O God, for ever blessed, for the manifestation of thy love, in sending thine only Son for our redemption, who are not worthy of the innumerable mercies which thou hast shewn unto us: grant, O my God, that I may ever, with a due sense of my own unworthiness, and with the sincerity

rity of a thankful heart, receive the pledges of thy love in the Holy Sacrament, and thereby obtain pardon for my past offences, and grace to direct my future actions, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

For Saturday Morning and Evening.

O Almighty Father, to whom each thought, word, and action of my life are plainly manifest, pardon every transgression of thy repentant servant; and grant that *his* humble resolution of following thy precepts in *his* future life, may, by thy grace, be made effectual, through the merits of *his* Saviour. *Amen.*

On Saturday evening, or Sunday morning preceding your receiving the Sacrament,

crament, if you have time and opportunity, and, if not, when in your bed, examine your former life; or, if you have before received the Sacrament, that part of it which has passed since the receiving it.

Consider whether you have been pious, honest, sober, chaste and temperate; whether you have been given to swearing or lying; whether you have been good-natured, ready to assist any as far as was in your power; and have used either man or beast ill.

If you find that you have been guilty in any of these points, say in your heart, O God, pardon this mine offence, and enable me to avoid this sin in future.

Thus determined to live better, fear not to go to the Sacrament.

A Prayer

A Prayer for Sunday Morning.

O Almighty and merciful God, plant ever in my breast a serious remembrance of the death of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ for us. I acknowledge my unworthiness, but with humility and sorrow I repent of my sins, and apply to thee for pardon and peace, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer at offering our Alms.

ACCEPT, O God, of this little offering of my hands, as an acknowledgment of thy right to all I possess, and as a testimony of my regard and charity to my necessitous brethren, which thou requirest, and art pleased to take as done to thyself.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE.

" Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." *Matt.* v. 16.

" Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." *Matt.* vi. 19, 20.

" Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets." *Matt.* vii. 12.

" Not

" Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." *Matt.* vii. 21.

" Zaccheus stood forth, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and, if I have done any wrong to any man, I restore him fourfold." *Luke* xix. 8.

" He that soweth little, shall reap little: and he that soweth plenteously, shall reap plenteously. Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 *Cor.* ix. 6, 7.

" While we have time, let us do good unto all men; and especially unto them that are of the household of faith." *Gal.* vi. 10.

" Godliness is great riches, if a man be content with that he hath: for we brought

brought nothing into the world, neither can we carry any thing out." 1 *Tim.* vi. 6, 7.

" Charge them who are rich in this world, that they be ready to give, and glad to distribute; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may attain eternal life." 1 *Tim.* vi. 17, 18, 19.

" God is not unrighteous, that he will forget your works and labour that proceedeth of love; which love ye have shewed for his Name's sake, who have ministered unto the saints, and yet do minister." *Heb.* vi. 10.

" To do good and to distribute forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." *Heb.* xiii. 16.

" Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" 1 *John* iii. 17.

" Give

" Give alms of thy goods, and never turn thy face from any poor man: and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee." *Tob.* iv. 7.

" Be merciful after thy power: if thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity." *Tob.* iv. 8, 9.

" He that hath pity upon the poor, lendeth unto the Lord; and look, what he layeth out, it shall be paid him again." *Prov.* xix. 17.

" Blessed is the man that provideth for the sick and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble." *Psal.* xli. 1.

The Prayer for Christ's Church militant on Earth.

ALmighty and Everliving God, who, by thy Holy Apostle, has taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they, that do confess thy holy name, may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes and Governors, and especially thy servant George our King, that under him we may be godly and quietly governed

verned: and grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give grace, O Heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this Congregation here present, that with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive thy holy word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

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And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Exhortation.

DEARLY beloved in the Lord, ye that mind to come to the holy Communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ, must consider how St. Paul exhorteth all persons diligently to try and examine themselves, before they presume to eat of that bread and drink of that cup; for as the benefit is great, if with a true penitent heart and lively faith we receive that holy Sacrament, (for then we spiritually eat the flesh of Christ, and drink his blood, then we dwell in Christ and

and Christ in us; we are one with Christ and Christ with us) so is the danger great, if we receive the same unworthily: for then we are guilty of the body and blood of Christ our Saviour; we eat and drink our own damnation, not considering the Lord's body; we kindle God's wrath against us; we provoke him to plague us with divers diseases and sundry kinds of death. Judge therefore yourselves, brethren, that ye be not judged of the Lord; repent you truly for your sins past; have a lively and stedfast faith in Christ our Saviour; amend your lives, and be in perfect charity with all men; so shall ye be meet partakers of those holy mysteries. And, above all things, ye must give most humble and hearty thanks to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and Man, who did humble himself even to the death

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upon the cross, for us miserable sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death, that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. And to the end that we should alway remember the exceeding great love of our Master and only Saviour Jesus Christ thus dying for us, and the innumerable benenefits which, by his precious blood-shedding, he hath obtained to us, he hath instituted and ordained holy mysteries, as pledges of his love, and for a continual remembrance of his death, to our great and endless comfort. To him therefore, with the Father and the holy Ghost, let us give (as we are most bounden) continual thanks, submitting ourselves wholly to his holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. *Amen*

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Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbour, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

The General Confession.

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily

tily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burthen of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Absolution.

ALmighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them, that with hearty repentance and true faith, turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travel and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Hear also what St. Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear also what St. John saith.

If any mans in, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins.

Priest. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Arch-Angels, and with all the company of Heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and Earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. *Amen.*

On Christmas-day, and seven Days after.

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born as

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at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother, and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with Angels, &c.

On Easter-day, and seven Days after.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who, by his death, hath destroyed death, and, by his rising to life again, hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, &c.

On Ascension-day, and seven Days after.

THROUGH thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who, after his most glorious resurrection,

manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into Heaven to prepare a place for us, that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory. Therefore with Angels, &c.

On Whitsunday, and six Days after.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord, according to whose most true promise the Holy Ghost came down, as at this time, from heaven with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth, giving them both the gift of diverse languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal, constantly to preach the gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge

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of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ. Therefore with Angels, &c.

On the Feast of Trinity only.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord Almighty, Everlasting God, who art one God, one Lord; not one only person, but three persons in one substance; for that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the same we believe of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or inequality.

Therefore with Angels, and Arch-Angels, and with all the company of Heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and Earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. *Amen.*

WE do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table: but thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

The Prayer of Consecration.

ALmighty God, our Heavenly Father, who, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption, who made there (by his one oblation

oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and grant that we, receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who in the same night that he was betrayed took bread—and when he had given thanks he brake it—and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body—which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper he took the cup—and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this, for this

is my blood—of the New Testament, which was shed for you and many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. *Amen.*

A Prayer before receiving the Bread.

O Gracious God, pity my weakness and forgive my infirmities: endue me with a lively faith, and a perfect love of thee; that I may receive these elements of bread and wine to my support and comfort in this life, and to my eternal happiness in that which is to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer after receiving the Bread.

O Blessed Jesus, grant that this bread may nourish my soul to eternal life.

A Prayer

A Prayer before receiving the Cup.

GRANT, O my God and Saviour, that this cup may prove a blessing unto me, by enabling me to persevere in my good resolutions.

A Prayer when returned to your Seat.

I Have done, O Lord, as thou hast commanded me: O may my future conduct in life lead me frequently to repeat this holy duty. Direct my steps: strengthen my resolutions: confirm my hopes: so may I on the awful day of judgment humbly look forward to everlasting happiness in thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SOME

SERIOUS REFLECTIONS.

SEEING now that I have repented of my sins and transgressions, and have received this holy Sacrament in testimony of my thankfulness for the death of Christ, of my sincerity in purposing to lead a good life in future, and as a means to enable me to persevere in, and practise this my resolution; let me not henceforth be wanting to myself: let me not be careless, negligent, or designedly guilty in word or deed in future: let me ever be perfectly contented with my situation in life, whatever it may be.

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We have now, rich and poor, been together before our Lord God, and at the final day of resurrection and judgment, we shall appear together again before him on the same level, to be distinguished, not by our former situations in life, but by our former behaviour in them.

Ye poor, envy then not the situation of the rich: they have their difficulties, their troubles, their pains and their sorrows, and, as much has been given them, much will be required of them: but rejoice rather in the thought of its being in your power, by living holily here, to obtain hereafter a most ample and noble recompence for all your sufferings of any, and every kind in this mortal state, this probationary world.

Texts of Scripture which may be read, whilst others are receiving the Sacrament.

I Have been young, and now am old, and yet saw I not the righteous ever utterly forsaken. *Psalms.*

Love righteousness, and think of the Lord with a good heart, and in simplicity of heart seek him: for he will be found of them that tempt him not, and sheweth himself unto such as do not distrust him. *Wisdom of Solomon.*

Man that is born of a woman is of a few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth as a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. *Job.*

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flew shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. *Job.*

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not to thine own understanding: in all thy ways acknow-

ledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. *Proverbs.*

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. *Proverbs.*

My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother. *Proverbs.*

My brethren, swear not. St. *James.*

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? even by ruling himself after thy word. *Psalms.*

Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right, for that shall bring a man peace at the last. *Psalms.*

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers; but the countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. *Psalms.*

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. St. *Paul's Epist. Hebrews.*

In simplicity and godly sincerity have your conversation in this world. St. *Paul's Epist. Corinthians.*

Wherefore seeing also we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith: who, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. St. *Paul's Epist. Hebrews.*

God will render to every man according to his works: to them, who by

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patient continuance in well-doing, seek for glory, and honour, and immortality, eternal life: but to them, who are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doth evil. St. *Paul's Epist. Romans.*

Having, therefore, these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. St. *Paul's Epist. Corinthians*

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OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day

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our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O LORD and Heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls, and our bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that

that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

Or this.

ALmighty and Everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards

towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and also are heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O Heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end. *Amen.*

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good-will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord,

O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesu Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.—Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayers.—Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us: for thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Blessing.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy

Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

A Prayer when the Service is ended.

PARDON, O God, the coldness, inattention, and unworthiness of my prayers, and let this day be with mercy remembered in my final account, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Morning Prayer.

MERCIFULLY, O God, look down, I beseech thee, upon me thy sinful creature: hear the imperfect prayer which I offer up unto thee, and instruct, guide, and protect me in every state of this mortal life; let thy grace, O Lord, accompany my good resolutions and endeavours; teach me resignation under every kind of adversity, and thankfulness for every degree of prosperity.

rity. I humbly thank thee, O my God, for thy many past unmerited favours, and particularly for thy preservation of me to this morning: bless all my relations and friends, and grant that living here in obedience to thy commands, we may all at the hour of death humbly look forward to a joyful resurrection in the day of final judgment, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who has taught us particularly to say,

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

An Evening Prayer.

O Almighty and Everlasting Father, who of thy great goodness hast hitherto preserved me, mercifully continue thy protection to me this night. Pardon those sins whereby I have offended thee, and let it ever be my earnest desire to obey thee in all things. Assist and direct both in the affairs of this life, and of the next, all who are connected with me. Grant, O God, these requests, for the sake of our blessed Saviour, who hath commanded us to say,

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OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen*

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